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ANTI-APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, HARRIMAN.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN/OPI PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING
HARRIMAN VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 10:

QUOTE:

CONTINUING HIS MISSION TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER,
LESLIE O. HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
AGAINST APARTHEID, MET WITH TALCOTT W. SEELYE, ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA, AT 11:00 A.M. IN A STATEMENT TO THE
PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE FRANK
AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA,
AND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, CONVENED BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
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MR. HARRIMAN WELCOMED THE GROWING RECOGNITION IN THE UNITED
STATES OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND

THE NEED FOR URGENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT A WIDER CONFLICT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES COULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PROMOTING A SOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, AND THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE SAID, WAS NOT A RACIAL CONFLICT OR A CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, BUT A STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AGAINST RACIST OPPRESSORS. THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES COULD ASSIST THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE BY ISOLATING AND EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE RACIST REGIME. HE REFERRED, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE NEED FOR A MANDATORY EMBARGO AGAINST SUPPLIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND STRATEGIC MATERIALS TO SOUTH AFRICA, THE CESSATION OF ALL CO-OPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND THE ENDING OF ALL INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IN THE EVENING, MR. HARRIMAN HELD A RECEPTION WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BLACK CAUCUS IN THE CONGRESS, CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCHES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. UNQUOTE
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